

1. (Currently Amended) A link management system ~~for creating~~ to create links amongst units of information based on a list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said system comprising:

a Central Processing Unit (CPU) coupled to a memory, the memory comprising:

means for storing said list of identifiers, wherein said list of identifiers has a user determined relative hierarchical order to direct said link management system in the creation of said links;

means for examining said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

means for linking a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and

another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

wherein

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source information content of a unit of source information;

the link management system further comprises:

means for generating said units of target information;
means for examining said list of identifiers to identify said source information content assigned to a unit of target information
from among said units of target information; and
means for inserting said source information content into a unit of target information from among said units of target information based on the identifier of said unit of target information identifying said source information content.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The link management system of claim 1 wherein a plurality of source information content is assigned to a unit of target information from among said units of target information.

4. (Currently Amended) The link management system of claim 1 wherein:
said units of information are units of target information;
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted configured to identify source information content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target information from among said units of target information;
said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said units of target information to be generated by said system, said first subset hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said source information content to be inserted into said units of target information identified by said first subset of identifiers;

said means for linking is ~~adapted configured~~ to link a unit of target information from among said units of target information to at least one other unit of target information from among said units of target information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said unit of target information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said at least one other unit of target information;

and

said link management system further comprises:

means for generating said units of target information; and
means for inserting at least one source information content into a
unit of target information from among said units of target
information based on an identifier of said second subset
identifying said at least one source information content.

5. (Currently Amended) The link management system of claim 4 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying that identifies links for that inter-linking units of target information.

6. (Currently Amended) The link management system of claim 5 wherein the means for linking is adapted configured to inserting URL links.

7. (Original) The link management system of claims 3 or 5 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.

8. (Currently Amended) A method performed on a computer system having a
Central Processing Unit (CPU) operationally coupled to computer readable memory for storing
to store a list of identifiers, and said method for creating to create and managing links amongst units of information based on said list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said method comprising the steps of:

storing said list of identifiers in the computer system, wherein said list of identifiers has a

user determined relative hierarchical order to direct a link management system in the creation of said links;

examining said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

linking a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

- an identifier identifying said unit of information; and
- another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

wherein:

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source information content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target information from among said units of target information;

said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said units of target information to be generated by said system, said first subset hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said source information content to be inserted into said units of target information being identified by said first subset of identifiers;

said step of linking is ~~adapted configured~~ to link a unit of target information ~~from among said units of target information~~ to at least one other unit of target information ~~from among said units of target information~~ based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said unit of target information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said at least one other unit of target information;

and

said method further comprising the steps of:

generating said units of target information; and
inserting at least one source information content into a unit of
target information from among said units of target
information based on an identifier of said second subset
identifying said at least one source information content.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein:
said units of information are units of target information;
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted configured to identify source
information content of a unit of source information;
the method further comprising the steps of:

generating said units of target information;
examining said list of identifiers to identify said source
information content assigned to a unit of target information
from among said units of target information; and
inserting said source information content into a unit of target
information from among said units of target information
based on the identifier of said unit of target information
identifying said source information content.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein a plurality of source information content is assigned to a unit of target information from among said units of target information.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers ~~for identifying that identifies~~ links ~~for that~~ inter-linking units of target information.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of linking is ~~adapted configured~~ to inserting URL links.

14. (Original) The method of claims 10 or 12 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer system having a Central Processing Unit (CPU) ~~operatively~~ coupled to a computer readable memory, the computer program product including a computer-readable data storage medium tangibly embodying computer readable program code executable on a computer to direct said computer to create and manage links amongst units of information based on a list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said computer program product comprising:

code to instruct for instructing said computer system to store said list of identifiers, wherein said list of identifiers has a user determined relative hierarchical order to direct a link management system in the creation of said links;

code to instruct for instructing said computer system to examine said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

code to instruct for instructing said computer system to link a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and

another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

wherein:

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source

information content of a unit of source information;
said computer program product further comprises:
code to instruct for instructing said computer system to generate said units of target
information;
code to instruct for instructing said computer system to examine said list of identifiers to
identify said source information content assigned to a unit of target information
from among said units of target information; and
code to instruct for instructing said computer system to insert said source information
content into a unit of target information from among said units of target
information based on the identifier of said unit of target information identifying
said source information content.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 15 wherein a plurality of source information content is assigned to at least one unit of target information.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:
said units of information are units of target information;
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted configured to identify source
information content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target
information from among said units of target information;
said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said units of target information to be generated by said system, said first subset hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said source information content to be inserted into said units of target information being identified by said first subset of identifiers;

said code ~~to instruct for instructing~~ said computer system to link is ~~adapted configured~~ to link a unit of target information ~~from among said units of target information~~ to at least one other unit of target information ~~from among said units of target information~~ based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said unit of target information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset ~~for identifying that identifies~~ said at least one other unit of target information;

and

said computer program product further comprises:

code to instruct for instructing said computer system to generate said units of target information; and

code to instruct for instructing said computer system to insert at least one source information content into a unit of target information from among said units of target information based on an identifier of said second subset identifying said at least one source information content.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 18 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying that identifies links for that inter-linking units of target information.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said code to instruct for instructing said computer system to link is adapted configured to inserting URL links.

21. (Original) The computer program product of claims 17 or 19 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.